

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims having the same number:

Claim 1. (Amended) An apparatus comprising a transmitting computer comprising:

- at least one processor;
- a memory coupled to the at least one processor; and
- a prioritized graphics file residing in the memory, the prioritized graphics file defining higher priority image transmission portions and lower priority image transmission portions that have been selected and assigned priorities such that when the prioritized graphics file is transferred across a network, the higher priority image transmission portions of the prioritized graphics file are transmitted and displayed before the lower priority image transmission portions of the prioritized graphics file.

Claim 8. (Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a transmitting computer comprising:

- a) at least one processor;
- b) a memory coupled to the at least one processor;
- c) a prioritized graphics file residing in the memory, the prioritized graphics file defining higher priority image transmission portions and lower priority image transmission portions that have been selected and assigned priorities such that when the prioritized graphics file is transferred across a network, the higher priority image transmission portions of the prioritized graphics file are transmitted and displayed before the lower priority image transmission portions of the prioritized graphics file; and

a receiving computer receiving the prioritized graphics file as received data from the transmitting computer, the receiving computer including:

- a) at least one processor;
 - b) a memory coupled to the at least one processor;
 - c) an image viewer residing in the memory;
 - d) an image interpreter residing in the memory and cooperating with the image viewer to allow the image viewer to display received images, the image viewer translating the received data into image data to allow the image viewer to display the image data corresponding to the higher priority image transmission portions of the prioritized graphics file before displaying the image data corresponding to the lower priority image transmission portions of the prioritized graphics file.
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Claim 14. (Amended) A program product comprising:

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an image interpreter for creating a prioritized transmission graphics file, the prioritized transmission graphics file defining higher priority image transmission portions and lower priority image transmission portions that have been selected and assigned priorities such that when the prioritized transmission graphics file is transferred across a network, the higher priority image transmission portions of the prioritized transmission graphics file are transmitted and displayed before the lower priority image transmission portions of the prioritized transmission graphics file; and signal bearing media bearing the image interpreter.

Claim 23. (Amended) A program product comprising:

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an image interpreter for creating a prioritized transmission graphics file, the prioritized transmission graphics file defining higher priority image transmission portions and lower priority image transmission portions that have been selected and assigned priorities such that when the prioritized transmission graphics file is transferred across a network, the higher priority image transmission portions of the prioritized transmission graphics file are transmitted and displayed before the lower priority image transmission portions of the prioritized transmission graphics file, the image interpreter also for translating received image reception portions of a prioritized reception graphics file into image data such that an image viewer can display the higher priority image reception portions of the prioritized reception graphics file before displaying the lower priority image reception portions of the prioritized reception graphics file; and signal bearing media bearing the image interpreter.

Claim 31. (Amended) A method for transmitting a graphics file from a transmitting computer, the method comprising the steps of:

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- a) selecting at least one image transmission portion of the graphics file;
 - b) assigning a priority to the selected at least one image transmission portion to create a prioritized graphics file; and
 - c) transmitting the prioritized graphics file across a network such that higher priority image transmission portions are transmitted and displayed before lower priority image transmission portions.

Claim 35. (Amended) A method for transmitting a graphics file from a transmitting computer and receiving the graphics file on a receiving computer, the method comprising the steps of:

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- a) performing the following steps on the transmitting computer:
 - i) selecting at least one image transmission portion of the graphics file;
 - ii) assigning a priority to the selected at least one image transmission portion to create a prioritized graphics file; and
 - iii) transmitting the prioritized graphics file across a network such that higher priority image transmission portions are transmitted and displayed before lower priority image transmission portions;
 - b) performing the following steps on the receiving computer:
 - i) receiving a image transmission portion of the prioritized graphics file;
 - ii) translating the image transmission portion of the prioritized graphics file into image data;
 - iii) determining the location of the image transmission portion of the prioritized graphics file; and
 - iv) transferring the image data and the location to an image viewer such that the image viewer can display the image transmission portion of the prioritized graphics file at the location.